

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.OFFICIAL DECEMBER HARVEST FORECAST, 1931-32.

Memorandum for the Hon. the Chief Secretary.

I respectfully transmit herewith the Official Forecast of the Wheat, Barley and Oats Harvest 1931-32 due by Resolution of Statistical Conference to be issued about December 15th of each year.

The Department's estimate in November for the Wheat Crop was 43,000,000 Bushels and last week I intimated that the December advices indicated an improvement.

The estimates for the State are -

Wheat - Acres to be reaped 3,900,000 (4,180,513), including about 100,000 acres of failure.
Total expected yield 44,500,000 (34,871,526) Bushels.
Average per acre - 11.41 (8.34) Bushels.

Barley - Total production 4,375,000 (3,960,929) Bushels.

Oats - Total production 2,400,000 (2,080,311) Bushels.

In reference to Wheat I ought to mention that the reports state that, owing to the dry period of September and October, many of the late sown crops have gone off. This is an important factor which reduces the average in some Counties where satisfactory yields are being reaped of earlier sown crops. The proportion of such late sown crops cannot be accurately ascertained and it may be that undue allowance has been made for same; if so, then the present estimate may even be exceeded.

Number of Farms. - It is estimated that 14,800 farmers have sown wheat this season, increase 200; and of this number 2,832 (representing over 25% of the acreage) have furnished reports which together with the general reports of Police Officers and my rainfall records represent the source of information for this estimate.

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15th December, 1931.

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OFFICIAL DECEMBER HARVEST FORECAST, 1931-32.

Wheat 44,500,000 (34,871,526) Bushels. Average 11.41 (8.34) Bushels.

SUMMARY.

Division	W H E A T			BARLEY	OATS.
	Area	Yield	Average		
	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels
I. Central	600,000	9,250,000	15.42	3,150,000	450,000
II. Lower North	850,000	13,750,000	16.18	720,000	350,000
III. Upper North	370,000	3,300,000	8.92	10,000	10,000
IV. South Eastern	50,000	750,000	15.00	310,000	330,000
V. Western	1,090,000	10,300,000	9.45	95,000	780,000
VI. Murray Mallee	940,000	7,150,000	7.61	90,000	480,000
Total 1931-32	3,900,000	44,500,000	11.41	4,375,000	2,400,000
" 1930-31	4,180,513	34,871,526	8.34	3,960,929	2,080,311

HAY. Wheaten & Oaten 640,000 (617,504) tons.

PRINCIPAL COUNTIES.

County	WHEAT		BARLEY	
	1930-31	1931-32	1930-31	1931-32
	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels
I. Eyre	543,100	810,000	22,372	10,000
Fergusson	2,478,930	3,260,000	1,929,810	2,160,000
Gawler	1,602,520	2,285,000	366,603	455,000
Light	1,635,402	1,800,000	202,163	160,000
Sturt	691,308	660,000	52,201	45,000
II. Burra	434,683	490,000	11,017	5,000
Daly	3,464,860	5,150,000	402,083	505,000
Stanley	3,237,267	4,550,000	74,558	120,000
Victoria	2,371,582	3,520,000	60,825	90,000
III. Dalhousie	619,194	840,000	2,886	5,000
Frome	919,353	1,840,000	3,913	5,000
IV. Buckingham	660,815	480,000	35,118	30,000
Grey	168,773	130,000	236,552	240,000
V. Buxton	717,002	1,170,000	124	-
Dufferin	320,927	860,000	217	-
Flinders	1,016,355	1,120,000	84,463	65,000
Jervois	1,387,729	1,860,000	4,022	5,000
Kintore	3,630	425,000	-	1,000
Le Hunte	777,961	1,460,000	372	1,000
Musgrave	451,219	625,000	14,827	15,000
Robinson	639,346	1,285,000	1,769	3,000
Way	171,251	1,285,000	459	4,000
VI. Albert	2,061,793	1,760,000	11,506	8,000
Alfred	2,851,920	2,165,000	12,548	8,000
Buccleuch	1,839,159	1,330,000	27,708	20,000
Chandos	2,544,784	1,630,000	29,994	37,000
Russell	236,972	160,000	30,882	16,000
All Other	1,023,190	1,550,000	341,937	362,000
TOTAL STATE	34,871,526	44,500,000	3,960,929	4,375,000

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16th December, 1931.

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